

Boyce Ditto Public Library Advisory Board Meeting August 9, 2022

In attendance: Christiana Lazo, Mary Alice Buckner, Richard Buckner, Cora Lee Beasley, Kathy Spencer, Rachel Lively, Dawna Martin, Sherry Lee, Kendra Fowler, Lora Abrams, Brian Nierman, Marilyn Rhodes, Jody Shields

6:30 pm Christiana calls meeting to order to approve last month's minutes. Cora Lee moves to approve the minutes, Marilyn seconds.

6:31 Public comments. Christiana tells point of view for our library coming along well since summer reading program and block party. Kendra recommends we advertise our next block party on the chamber of commerce marquee.

6:35 pm Chair report begins. Christiana reports on the advertising for the Library Manager Position. How long will the position remain open? Mary Alice states 60 days. Rachel states we are advertising with TLA and city of Mineral Wells. Kathy states we have 2 new applicants for the Children's librarian Position.

6:38 No Committee Report.

6:39 pm Mary Alice reports on the Friends of the Library. City moved books from the USO building to the Civic center located on the base. A new book sale will be in October, date to be

posted later. Money was donated to Summer Reading program. Pizza party planned for Volunteers on Tuesday, August 16th to be paid for by Friends. A die cut machine was purchased to accommodate the set of dies found at the USO building previously.

6:42 Dawna begins volunteer report. Currently there are 3 new volunteers and 4 applicants to be interviewed. Lora Abrams was recognized and gifted for her number of hours.

6:43 Library manager's report given by Kathy. She goes over all the things we are currently doing on the August calendar. Talks about the reports being shortened from past ones. Office previously used by Louann to become an area for literary programs and non-profit organizations. Currently looking for retired librarians to help. A lot of cleaning has been taking place. Marilyn mentions how nice the back office area is now. We will be adding new things for our patrons such as a tail wagon tutor, family game night and craft night, make and take crafts.

6:50 Priority for e-rates talked about. Kathy, Rachel, Lora and Christiana to discuss further.

6:51 New business Christiana begins with information about the Willie Casper's trust which holds 247 thousand dollars. Willie Casper's vision was to spend on library. New ideas to be looked at and discussed. Christiana will print out Willie Casper trust information. A lot of discussion about our budget, finding out the information. What things does the city pay for and what

do the friends of the Library pay for and what do the grants pay for. Christiana asked Kathy to make a list of what we need and how to obtain it. Discussed how we lost accreditation and how to regain it. Kendra suggested we add that to our next agenda. Rachel needs to see budget and present to council. Rachel, Christiana and Kathy discussed finding out about budget. Talked about plans to improve our outside facilities such as walkways, another building, gazebo and a story talk trail. Would have to be approved by city and they would need to maintain. Discussed having a committee/subcommittee to review, approve and vote on some of these decisions. Decision for job for our Library Manager would fall into that category. Was commented on that Kathy is doing tremendous job but there needs to be more time and applicants.

7:23 Christiana motions to adjourn seconded by Brian and meeting adjourns.